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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lilley Attendance at Conference on China

1. On 24-26 February I attended a Yale and Seven Springs Center sponsored symposium on China After Mao: (The Global Implications) which was chaired by Bill Bundy and took place in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. I gave the lead-off briefing on the current situation in China drawing on unclassified data and community analysis. My attendance was approved by responsible persons in the DCI.

2. At the outset of the conference I was informed by Bill Bundy that at the last minute there had been one or two dropouts and Victor Zorza had been substituted at his own request. Other journalists present were Joe Kraft, syndicated columnist, Stanley Karnow (Newsweek and freelancer), Harvey Stockwin, a Britisher from the Far Eastern Economic Review. Mr. Zorza, of course, knew who I was and actively pursued me through much of the conference. He acquainted me with his views in some detail; to wit, it is not covert operations but analysis that needs looking into. Also he had developed techniques of analysis which could benefit all.

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3. In the course of discussions there I mentioned a rejected technique of judging the status of Sino-Soviet relations by analyzing quantifiable indicators. This would include the status of trade, exchanges, polemics, voting records. Zorza seemed quite interested in this and some day it may appear as one of his own original ideas.

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